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THE news arriving by way of London with regard to the existing crisis in the Far East has within the past few weeks been "sawing" between good and bad, between peace and war. It is difficult even to make out what the general opinion of the better informed home Press is on the chances of a pacific issue. Quite recently the prospect has been declared gloomy. War has been judged possible, probable, even inevitable. Yesterday, however, REUTER'S second telegram, dated the 22nd instant, and published in another column to-day, announced a more hopeful feeling regarding the Far East in Japan itself, and the absence of information in London of the imminence of war. This sounds satisfactory, but unfortunately it only carries on the see-saw movement of rumour of which we have spoken. From the North we have not received any news either way since our Kobe correspondent's message of the 20th instant. In Hongkong it seems the generally accepted idea in service circles, especially among those who have visited the North lately, that an outbreak of hostilities cannot be avoided and, indeed, that it must occur very soon. It is felt that the situation is now such that only two alternatives remain, that Russia must give way or Japan must present an ultimatum with which Russia will refuse to comply—not a very different situation, it may be remarked, from that of a couple of months ago. Only the wonderful patience of the Japanese Government and nation has managed to protract matters so long. It is impossible to hope, and also absurd to wish for an indefinite further protraction of the present strain. Our London correspondent, in his telegram dated the 23rd instant, tells us that G. Britain and

France are in active communication with Japan and Russia, and that mediation on their part is possible. Nevertheless, it is very hard to see how France and ourselves, though both most earnest in the desire to avoid a rupture which threatens to involve both, and perhaps destroy the greatly improved relations now existing between the two nations, can discover a satisfactory and lasting settlement between the two Powers that are struggling for the lead in the North of Asia. There is such a gulf between Russia's pretensions and Japan's demands that it looks a superhuman task to bridge it over. Were Russia more tractable the position of affairs would be very different. One of the really hopeful factors in the situation is the apparent adhesion of the Chinese to the Japanese side, which all the most recent news from the North appears to indicate. The *North-China Daily News* points out that the educated Chinese generally took little or no interest in the war between China and Japan, but they seem curiously enough to be even more interested in the Manchus themselves in recovering Manchuria from the grasp of Russia. The importance of this is impossible to exaggerate. A hostile China cuts at the communications between Port Arthur and Vladivostok with European Russia. At its full value it cancels the value of the Trans-Siberian line; at its least, it detaches a vast number of Russian troops from the front in North-East Asia. When writers indulge in prophesies about Russia adopting a Partisan policy and retiring inland only to return in overwhelming force, they ignore the fact that the destruction of the railway absolutely stops advance overland and necessitates Russia securing maritime supremacy to counteract the blow. There has been a great deal of loose talk about the inevitableness of an ultimate Russian victory. What this is based on, we cannot conceive. Nevertheless we should be very sorry indeed to see Japan insist on war, except as the last resource, that is, to avoid relegation to the rank of secondary Powers. And we trust it is not necessary again to insist that the downfall of Japan would effectually sweep away with it the remaining traces of British influence in Northern Asia. Britain cannot afford to see Japan crushed by Russia. Apart from all questions of honour and the obligations of treaties, it would be a most disastrous step, politically and commercially, for Britain to acquiesce in the absolute paramountcy of Russia in the north of this great continent of Asia. It is a welcome piece of intelligence that H.M.S. *King Alfred*, the powerful sister ship of the *Leviathan*, is coming out here soon, and may remain with the British squadron on the station. H.M.S. *Centurion* may be in Hongkong in about a week's time, a fact which we overlooked when writing on the 22nd instant on the neglect to increase the British fleet in these waters. Nevertheless, we should still compare unfavourably with Russia, more particularly when her ships now in the Mediterranean arrive.

Christmas is looked on and written of comically as a period of peace. Unluckily it has far more often of late years been a season of alarms and of threats of war, if not of actual warfare. The year 1903 closes like many of its immediate predecessors amid anxiety and dread, and every day is felt to be a possible black date in history, the forerunner of months of terrible and relentless hostilities. Yesterday's wire news seems, however, to offer some hopes of the avoidance of such a catastrophe.

To-day being Christmas Day, there will be no issue of the *Hongkong Daily Press* to-morrow. The next number will appear on Monday morning, the 28th inst.

Twenty-five years ago to-day there was a great fire in Hongkong, in which no less than 368 houses were destroyed, together with a vast quantity of other property.

Messrs. J. and P. Coats, of thread fame, have applied for the registration in Hongkong of a representation of a rabbit as their trade mark, as sole proprietors thereof.

A special service will be held in St. Peter's Church, Queen's Road West, on Christmas morning at 10 o'clock. The offertory will be devoted to the Shipwrecked Fishermen and Mariners' Society.

One of the latest ways of smuggling Chinese into the United States is sending them in cars engaged for shipping horses. Six Chinese were so sent into Boston last month, but they were discovered.

We beg to acknowledge the receipt from Mr. M. Noma, Consul for Japan, of a copy of the *Financial and Economical Annual of Japan*, issued (in English) by the Japanese Department of Finance and printed at Tokyo. It is an extremely useful book of reference, full of interesting information, and has been prepared with great care.

Cholera is now reported to have entirely disappeared from Nagasaki.

Memorandum. Hongkong Jockey Club are reminded that entries for the Hongkong Derby close on the 26th inst.

Crime in Hongkong is on the decrease judging from the Police records of the past two weeks. This is very creditable to our Police.

A grand Charitable Bazaar is to be held at Macao on the 26th and 27th inst. Steamers leave Hongkong for Macao at 8.30 a.m. on both days.

Messrs. Kelly and Walsh have sent us a complimentary copy of their *Imperial English and Chinese Dictionary* for 1904, showing all the excellent features of former years.

Messrs. George, Philip & Son, Ltd., send us a copy of a map which they have published descriptive of the fiscal policy proposed by Mr. Chamberlain. It shows that goods imported free of duty amount to 89 per cent. of the total, and gives diagrams of where we sell and where we buy.

It is noted in Berlin that, according to statistics for the last 20 years issued by the Imperial Chinese Customs, the German share in the total traffic of foreign countries with China has risen from 5.08 per cent. in 1882 to 13 per cent. in 1902. This increase is to be attributed chiefly to the establishment of a service of steamers of high tonnage to the Far East and to the institution of the great cargo lines from Bremen and Hamburg to East Asia.

The N.C. *Daily News* learns from a special correspondent in Paris that the loan of 40,000,000 francs (£2,400,000) issued by a syndicate of banks for the railway from Cheongtingfu to Taiyuanfu was floated on Monday last, and subscribed several times over. This satisfactorily proves that it is not impossible at present to obtain the money required for railway enterprises in China. The bonds are of 500 francs each (£25), bearing 5 per cent. interest, and the syndicate is composed of the Russo-Chinese Bank, the Banque de Paris et des Pays-Bas, the Société Générale, and the Comptoir National d'Escompte.

On the 15th September two members of the British Legation at Peking, Mr. Kildon and Mr. Flaherty, left on a shooting trip in Mongolia. They proceeded to Dolon-nor and then northwards, keeping west of the Khlgian plateau, to Buir-nor, intending to make their way thence to Urga, but, finding the country impassable owing to deep snow, were compelled to cross to Hailar, on the Manchurian Railway, whence they returned to Peking. The journey, though unsuccessful as regards sport, was interesting because it was taken mainly along the route of the strategic railway which Russia was reported to be secretly building from Hailar to Kalgan. The travellers, however, found no such railway being built nor any evidence that its construction was contemplated. The country north of Dolon-nor, while presenting few engineering difficulties, is inhospitable and treeless, and there is great scarcity of water. There are no villages and no settled population; only Mongol nomads. At Hailar the travellers on their arrival were threatened with arrest, but after they had given explanations were hospitably entertained by the Russian officers of the garrison.

The following are the programmes (by the 93rd Burma's band) and menu at the Hongkong Hotel to-morrow night:—

March: "The Stars and Stripes for Ever" (Saxa Overture); "Medusa" (Stanislaus Elliot Selection); "The Shop Girl" (Caryl Song); "The Promise of Life" (Crown Selection); "A Princess of Kensington" (Crown Waltz); "Sultana" (Crown); "Enduro" (Crown); "God Save the King."

Menu.

Hors d'œuvre
Tartlets à la Russe.
Soup.
Cock-a-Leekie.
Fillet.
Smoked Garfish and Butter Sauce.
Entrées.
Chicken Cutlets and Spinach.
Beef Olives.
Mongolian Patties.
Curry.
Omelette.
Joins.
Roast Ribs of Beef.
Roast Wild Goose and Smoked Kraut.
Boiled Corned Beef and Carrots.
Cold.
Game Pie and Potato Salad.
Sago Pudding.
Raspberry Ice Cream and Genoa Cake.
Apricot Tart.
Tippa Cake.

WAR RUMOURS.

Rumours of an anticipated outbreak between Japan and Russia over the Manchurian question are still rife in the Colony. We understand that orders were given yesterday to have everything in readiness for provisioning the British squadron in Eastern waters, and in consequence there was much activity in the Service Corps department. A day or two ago there was a time-test held with the purpose of ascertaining how long it would take to provision the ships on the station. Afterwards the provisions were again unshipped and sent back to the stores. It is said that 12,000 pairs of military boots, guaranteed to withstand ice and water, have just arrived for the commissariat here, also that a field hospital, larger than any one that has been sent out from home except to South Africa, has been despatched from England for the China Station. It is further stated that large consignments of medical and surgical material have been ordered from home.

TELEGRAMS.

"DAILY PRESS" SERVICE.

[FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENTS.]

THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, 23rd December, 2.35 p.m.

BRITAIN AND FRANCE ATTEMPT
MEDIATION.

Great Britain and France are in active communication with the Japanese and Russian Governments, and mediation is possible.

BRITISH NAVAL REINFORCEMENT.

H.M.S. *King Alfred* has been commissioned to take naval reliefs to the China squadron, and it is expected that she will remain on the station.

[The *King Alfred* is a sister-ship of the *Leviathan*, but was built by Vickers at Barrow, instead of by Brown at Clydebank. She was slightly less expensive, costing £1,013,772 against the *Leviathan's* £1,043,917. Her figures are:—Displacement, 14,100 tons; L.H.P. 31,155; armour, 6.5-in. belt, 2.1-in. deck, 5-in. bulkhead, 6.5-in. gun-position (Krupp steel); guns, two 9.2-in., sixteen 6-in., fourteen 12-pr., three 3-pr., and nine light; torpedo-tubes 2; speed 23.45 knots on trial.—E.D.D.P.]

MANILA.

MANILA, 24th December, 5.18 p.m.

GOVERNOR TAFT'S FAREWELL.

15,000 from the Army, Navy, and Constabulary, and strong delegations from the provinces and the Labour Unions, escorted Governor Taft from the Malacanang Palace to the Luneta, where 50 steam launches accompanied him to the *Gaile*. He arrives in Hongkong on the morning of the 27th, the *Gaile* connecting with the *Korea*, which will await her.

REUTERS SERVICE.

THE FAR EASTERN CRISIS.

LONDON, 22nd December.

The *Daily Telegraph's* correspondent at Nagasaki wires that the Government has given notice that they will require all the dry docks in the country for the fleet. The warships have begun docking and cleaning in turn.

LATER.

There is a more hopeful feeling regarding the Far East prevalent in the best informed circles in Japan. London has not received any information indicating that war is imminent, although it is undeniable that the situation continues grave and is affecting trade to some extent. Nothing is known about the reports that the Japanese in England have been warned to be in readiness to return home.

WAR RISKS.

LONDON, 22nd December.

The rate on war risks at Lloyd's is now forty guineas per centum.

POLO.

SCOTLAND v. IRELAND.

Contrary to expectations the polo match at Causeway Bay on Wednesday between the above teams proved a very one-sided affair; however, a fast game ensued.

First chukker.—From the throw-in Ross got away and scored a subsidiary goal. After the hit-out, give and take play took place in the Irish ground, His Excellency relieving time and again with well-placed shots. The Irish defence being stubborn and the Scotch attack persistent, no more scoring took place till four minutes had gone, when Simpson scored a beautiful goal with a long shot for Scotland. From the throw-in Carleton made a brilliant run down and scored a subsidiary goal, being well supported by his No. 1 riding off the opposing back. This ended the first chukker.

Second chukker.—From the hit out Ross went down and scored a goal. Practically the whole of this chukker was played in the Irish ground, their defence completely breaking down under the Scotch attack. The latter played well together and marked their opposite men perfectly. The game ended in an easy win for Scotland by 4 goals and 3 subsidiaries to 2 subsidiaries. Teams:—

Scotland.—Mr. F. H. Lyon, R.N. (4); Mr. C. H. Ross (3); Lt. Simpson (2); and Mr. J. Johnston (1).

Ireland.—Mr. T. Hastings (4); H.E. Mr. May (3); Capt. Carleton (2); and Lt. Knox, R.N. (1).

The final between England and Scotland will probably be played on Saturday week.

CRICKET.

H.E. MR. MAY'S TEAM v. CAPTAINS AND COMMANDERS OF THE FLEET.

Played on the club ground, commencing at ten o'clock yesterday morning, the above match ended in a win for the Captains and Commanders of the Fleet. The Acting Governor's team was a strong one, but suffered defeat. Com. Nicholas scored 7 wickets for 24 runs in their first innings. The band of the *Vengeance* was in attendance during the match. Scores:—

First Innings.		Second Innings.	
Major Chichester, b Farquhar	8	b Farquhar	3
Capt. Davies, b Nicholas	10	not out	68
Mr. Fletcher, c sub, b Nicholas	10	not out	7
Dr. Atkinson, c sub, b Farquhar	0	c and b Farquhar	35
Mr. Tyack, c Watson, b Nicholas	8		
Mr. Rhodes, c and b Farquhar	1		
Mr. Ponsbury, not out	28		
Hon. G. Stewart, c Farquhar, b Nicholas	0		
H.E. Mr. P. H. May, c Shillford, b Nicholas	3		
Capt. Hurley, c Grant, b Nicholas	3		
Mr. B. E. O. Bird, c Farquhar, b Nicholas	0		
Extras	12	Extras	3
Total	78	Total (2 wickets)	113

THE NAVY.

Com. Farquhar, b Davies 0 | not out | 34 || Com. Watson, c Atkinson, b Davies | 16 | c sub, b Stewart | 52 |
Com. Loy, c Ponsbury, b Chichester	0	run out	14
Com. Shillford, b Chichester	36		
Com. Nicholas, b Chichester	0		
Com. Kiddle, b Davies	22		
Com. Grant, c Davies, b Chichester	2		
Com. Smyth, run out	3		
Com. Gregory, not out	0		
Extras	2	Extras	12
Total	81	Total (2 wickets)	142

Capt. Spector did not bat.

Innings declared closed.

The following teams will play in the match H.K.C.C. v. the United Services, commencing at 1.15 to-day.

H.K.C.C.—J. T. Dixon, William Dixon, H. Hancock, R. Hancock, J. E. Lee, F. Maitland, E. Maat, T. Sorombe Smith, W. C. D. Turner, A. G. Ward, and A. N. Other.

United Services—Sub-Lieut. Barron, R.N., Mid. Campbell, R.N., Major Chichester, D.A.G., Sub-Lieut. Corns, Lieut. Heath, 110th Mahr. L.I., Capt. Harris, R.M.A., Lieut. Hawkins, R.N., Mr. Horsey, R.N., Mid. Irwin, R.N., Lieut. Rimington, S.F., and Mr. Williams, R.N.

Tiffin will be served in the Pavillon at 12.30 to-day. The match will be continued at 11 o'clock on Saturday.

A team from the Craigengower C.C. will play the Kowloon Depot C.C. at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow on the ground of the former club.

FOOTBALL.

To-morrow afternoon on the Happy Valley the Hongkong Football Club will play Officers of the Fleet. Kick-off at 4 o'clock.

The following will play for the Club:—J. H. R. Hanna, goal; H. O. Austen and G. F. Annot, backs; H. C. Gray, J. W. C. Bonmar, and A. N. Other, halves; W. H. Williams, H. A. Brent, R. A. Whitmore, J. Richardson, and J. D. Danby, forwards.

The V.R.C. will play the Sherwood Foresters to-morrow at 4 p.m. at Causeway Bay.

ROYAL HONGKONG YACHT CLUB.

VICE-COMMODORE'S CUP.

The race for the Vice-Commodore's Cup will be sailed on Saturday, 2nd January, starting at 1 p.m. Course No. 3, viz: from Kowloon Police Pier, Kowloon Rock (starboard), Channel Rock (starboard), Meyer's East Buoy (starboard); twice round, distance 11 miles. Handicaps are as follows:—

Dione, Elpheth, Aileen, scratch; Alannah allowed 5 minutes; Fern, Erica, Kathleen, Bonita, Colleen, allowed 5 minutes; Iris; Gloria, allowed 12 minutes; Chanticleer, Doreen, allowed 14 minutes; Payne allowed 18 minutes; Mist allowed 25 minutes.

TIMES OF 5TH CLUB RACE.

We gave the result of the 5th club race last Monday, the day after it was sailed. The times were as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS.		H.	M.	S.
Vernon	...	3	52	29
Elpheth	...	3	53	50
Aileen	...	3	57	22
Dione

ONE-DESIGN CLASS.

Kathleen	...	3	9	45
Colleen	...	3	14	47
Mist	...	3	16	15
Erica	...	3	16	30
Bonita	...	3	27	24

SECOND CLASS.

Alannah	...	3	33	30
(1) Gloria	...	3	34	35
(2) Chanticleer	...	3	34	47
Iris	...	3	39	58
(3) Payne	...	3	40	54
Doreen	...	3	41	20

POSITION WITH REFERENCE TO THIS SEASON'S CHAMPIONSHIP, at present stands as follows:—

CHAMPIONSHIP CLASS.

Vernon	...	50
Aileen	...	9
Elpheth	...	6

ONE-DESIGN CLASS.

Kathleen	...	12
Mist	...	11
Colleen	...	2

These marks are excluding the 4th and 5th club races, the protests for which have not yet been decided.

SECOND CLASS.

Payne	...	22
Chanticleer	...	21
Alannah	...	18

Gloria ... 12
Doreen ... 1
Iris ... 1

VICTORIA RECREATION CLUB.

REGATTA DINNER.

The V.R.C. Regatta Dinner, held at the Kowloon Hotel on the night of the 23rd inst., was a great success, a large number of V.R.C. members, besides quite a few visitors, being present; the dining hall, in fact, was just as full as it could be without interfering with general comfort. Among those present were Lieut. Newman, of the *Amphitrite*, and Mr. Cummings, chief officer of the *Brilliant*; Captain Cowlishaw, unfortunately, could not attend. Mr. H. C. Austen, secretary of the V.R.C., in the absence of Mr. A. Chapman, the president, presided. When dinner was well advanced, and all were clothed in headgear from Tom Smith's crackers, Mr. Austen, amid much applause, proposed "The King." Rising to the toast, the company sang the National Anthem. Lieut. Newman, in proposing "Prosperity of the Club," coupled with "Health to the Secretary," spoke of the commendable spirit in which affairs of the club were managed; the V.R.C. had done its level best to promote sport. Mr. H. C. Austen was referred to in the highest terms, and Mr. Frank White was a man worthy of remembrance (loud applause). Mr. Austen, in responding on behalf of the committee and members of the V.R.C., thanked Lieut. Newman for the way he had treated the V.R.C. There were no less than 400 members, the club being in a most prosperous condition. Mr. Frank Lammer had been elected as the new rowing captain, and he hoped during the winter to get up scratch rowing races. The athletic sports were to be held in March. He thought the post of hon. secretary of the V.R.C. well worth having, and he would do the work willingly. Mr. Frank White had been secretary for nearly three years; when he left Hongkong the best wishes of the club would go with him. In drinking Mr. Frank White's health, the toast was honoured with a "He's a jolly good fellow." Mr. Frank White said he would always experience pleasure in looking back on his V.R.C. days. He would, indeed, be very pleased to put up a prize for either the aquatic sports, athletic sports, or regatta (applause). He had been connected with the V.R.C., and knew Mr. Austen to be a good athlete (applause). Then Mr. J. J. Leiria, Vice-Consul at Hongkong for Portugal, proposed the visitors, making a very suitable speech; Mr. Moller responded. The Press was then honoured. Mr. Frank Lammer toasted the ladies. There were no ladies present; needless to say, however, the toast was well received. Mr. F. D. Bain, responded. Answering to the call for a speech, Mr. Cummings, chief officer of the *Brilliant*, in the absence of the captain, spoke for his ship. He referred to the company and visitors from Shanghai as "blobs of the first water." The *Brilliant* was the largest sailing-ship under the British flag. Mr. Rogers, an apprentice from the *Brilliant*, also answered a call. After further similar proceedings, the company dispersed.

THE U.S. PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION.

Mr. Grover Cleveland sent the following letter to the Editor of the *Brooklyn Daily Eagle* last month:—

I have waited for a long time to say something which I think should be sent to you before others. You can never know how grateful I am for the manifestation of kindly feeling toward me on the part of my countrymen, which your initiative has brought out. Your advocacy in the *Eagle* of my nomination for the Presidency came to me as a great surprise, and it has been seconded in such a manner by Democratic sentiment, that conflicting thoughts of gratitude and duty have caused me to hesitate as to the time and manner of a declaration on my part concerning the subject, if such a declaration should seem necessary or proper. In the midst of it all, and in full view of every consideration presented, I have not for a moment been able, nor am I now able, to open my mind to the thought that in any circumstances or upon any consideration, I should ever again become the nominee of my party for the Presidency. My determination not to do so is unalterable and conclusive.

CHURCH SERVICES.

St. JOHN'S CATHEDRAL.
25th December; Christmas Day.
Holy Communion, 7.30 a.m.
Matins (11 a.m.).
Proclamation Hymn, 60; Responses, Tallis; Venite, Crotch; Proper Psalms, XIX (Mozart), XLV (Goswami) and LXXXIX (Mozart); (Tune); Te Deum, H. Smart in F; Benedictus, Barnby in E; Anthem, "With all Thy Hosts" West.

Holy Communion (12 noon).
Kyrie, Crede and Gloria—R. Smart in E. Hymns, 62 and 59.

GOSPEL HALL.

Arsenal Street, Top Floor, off Queen's Road East.
Meetings are held as follows:—Sunday—Acts 2, 42, 11 a.m.; Gospel Address, 6 p.m. Tuesday—Soldiers' and Sailors' Bible Class 6 p.m. Thursday—General Bible Class, 6 p.m. Saturday—Prayer Meeting, 6 p.m.

WEATHER REPORT.

The Hongkong Observatory yesterday issued the following report:—On the 24th at 11.30 a.m. The barometer has fallen over S. Japan, risen over N. China. The anticyclone is still central over Mid-China, and pressure is relatively low over the N.E. part of the Sea of Japan, and also over the S. part of the China Sea. Gradients moderate with strong monsoon in the Formosa Channel, rather steep with heavy monsoon over the China Sea. Forecast:—fresh S.W. wind; fine.

THE PREVENTION OF MALARIA.

A paper was read at a meeting of the Royal Colonial Institute, London, on the 10th November, by Major Ronald Ross, Professor of Tropical Medicine, University of Liverpool, on "Malaria in India and the Colonies." Sir George Goldie presided, and amongst those present were Sir F. Swettenham, Governor of Straits Settlements, Sir Patrick Manson, Sir W. Robinson, former Governor of Hongkong, Sir Wootton D. Pearson, M.P., Professor W. J. R. Simpson, and Mr. J. S. O'Halloran (secretary).

The Chairman, in a short opening address, reviewed some recent events of interest to the Colonies and dependencies.

Major Ross then read his paper, in the course of which he said:—Science has fully established three great laws concerning malaria: First, that it is caused by numbers of microscopical parasites which live and propagate themselves in the blood; secondly, that these parasites are carried from sick persons to healthy ones by the agency of a genus of mosquitoes called *Anopheles*; thirdly, that these kinds of mosquitoes breed principally in shallow and stagnant terrestrial waters. It has been recognized for centuries that malaria is connected with marshes; and this fact was long explained by the hypothesis that the malarial poison emanates from such waters—whence, indeed, the name malaria. The hypothesis, however, was never verified by experiment, and we now know it to have been not precisely correct. The germ of the disease itself does not emanate from the marsh, but the carrier of the germ—the *Anopheles*—does so. How accurately this discovery fits the circumstances may be gathered from the fact that yellow fever also is carried by mosquitoes, but is not connected with marshes, because the insects which convey it, and which are called *Stegomyia*, do not breed in terrestrial waters, but in tubs and pots lying in the vicinity of houses. And the laws referred to have recently been still further vindicated by the actual extirpation of malaria on a large scale by measures adopted against the implicated mosquitoes. Preventive measures against malaria should be clearly divided into two classes—namely, those which the individual can adopt to protect himself against infection, and those which a state or municipality may adopt in order to protect the public at large. On the whole, I think that, for the tropics at least, mosquito-netting constitutes the most useful prophylactic. It will be the experience of almost everyone who has lived in the tropics that the majority of mosquito-bites are inflicted during the sleep of the victim. This is especially the case with *Anopheles*, which is a nocturnal mosquito. I suppose it at least 90 per cent. of the bites of this mosquito are given at night in the case of persons who do not use nets. It has already been reported from many malarious localities that the mere knowledge which we possess regarding the mode of infection by mosquitoes has, of itself, sufficed largely to reduce malaria amongst educated Europeans and others who take intelligent advantage of the facts which science has revealed. For example, of the numerous gentlemen who have recently been investigating malaria in the most deadly climates, very few have become infected, and many of them inform me that their only precaution has been the mosquito-net. Another precaution, scarcely less useful, is that afforded by the use of punkahs and fans. These not only drive away most noxious insects, but keep the body cool and comfortable even in the greatest heat of the tropics. Indeed, I am inclined to attribute the comparative health enjoyed by Europeans in India largely to the constant use of the punkah, and the comparative unhealthiness of the European in Africa largely to the neglect of it. A prophylactic which is much advocated consists in the constant use of quinine. This drug cannot really be said to be a preventive against malaria, because, as a matter of fact, it does not exclude the parasites, but only destroys them after they have effected an entry into the body. To be of real benefit, it must be consumed constantly, and in considerable doses, and this is apt to impair the digestion and have other unpleasant effects which the individual is always loth to expose himself to. On the whole, I consider it to be of much less value than the mosquito-net. A fourth personal, or rather domestic, prophylactic is the wire gauze screen to the windows, and this is one which is very useful where it can be employed. Unfortunately, few Europeans in the tropics own the houses in which they live, and still fewer are willing to go to the considerable expense involved by these screens. They should, however, be employed for hospitals, barracks, railway stations, rest-houses, hotels, and places where measures against mosquitoes are too difficult and costly. It is to be regretted that such screens, which are so largely employed for private houses in the Southern States of America, are not more used in the better class of houses in our tropical possessions. Lastly a precaution, which also can scarcely be called one for individual adoption, is that of segregation. It is well known that the mosquitoes acquire the infection principally from native children in malarious places; and consequently the further we live from this source of contagion the healthier we are likely to remain.

State measures for the repression of malaria have already been tried in Sierra Leone, Havana, Lagos, Iquitos, the German Colonies, Hongkong, and many other places. They are:

(1) Drainage of the soil; (2) Other measures against mosquitoes; (3) Attention to many details suggested by the recent discoveries. In the medical report for Hongkong for 1902, it is said that the deaths of Chinese from malaria

fever were 887 in 1900, 541 in 1901, and 383 in 1902. Moreover, the admissions to the Civil Hospital for malaria in 1902 were only 349, as compared with 787 in 1901. These figures imply a reduction of over 50 per cent. In the malaria. Dr. Travers reports striking improvements in the malaria rate at Kiang, in the Malay Peninsula. During 1901, 116 cases were admitted to hospital; but in 1902, after certain extensive drainage works had been undertaken, the admissions fell to only 11. Similarly, at Port Swettenham there were 136 admissions in 1901, and only 15 in 1902, after the operations.

To be properly executed, the work against malaria involves considerable expense for drainage or other measures against mosquitoes, and for the remaining methods of defence just mentioned; and, besides this expense, many Government and municipal officials must be kept busy to serious trouble in regard to the collection of statistics and the preparation of reports. Hence, as with every other new movement, that against malaria will be generally taken up only after there is clear evidence in regard to the desirability of taking it up at all. I have recently had the privilege of hearing the personal views of Mr. Chamberlain, to whom we are all so much indebted, for his far-seeing and powerful efforts on behalf of tropical medicine and sanitation. He thinks that there are several serious difficulties in the way of appointing permanent Sanitary Commissioners, as has been suggested—principally that they themselves, owing to the highly expert nature of their functions, may prove difficult of control and may commit the Colonies to unwise expenditure. But he was good enough to suggest an alternative scheme—namely, that several learned societies might periodically be asked to send out special Commissioners for the purpose of examining and reporting upon the sanitary affairs of specified tropical Crown Colonies; and that such reports, after editing by the societies referred to, might then be submitted to Government for consideration. Commissioners of this kind would cost less, and not being servants of Government, would be able to give entirely unprejudiced opinions. There is no doubt that this suggestion is a valuable one. Mr. Chamberlain also thought that there would be no difficulty about the regular publication of statistics. He should like to see the disease reduced in every tropical town as it has been reduced in Havana, Lagos, and Iquitos; and there was no reason why this should not be done.

SHIPPING NOTES.

THE N.Y.K.

A fine new vessel for the N. Y. K., the *Nikko-maru*, underwent her trial a few days ago, with results a credit to her builders, the Mitsui Bishi Co., and satisfactory to the N.Y.K. The speed attained over the measured mile was 17.76 knots, and this was easily maintained. The *Nikko-maru* will be formally handed over to the Nippon Yusen Kaisha about the end of this month, and will be taken up by Yokohama. From that port she will make her maiden trip to Australia, sailing about the middle of January. The fitting of the vessel is proceeding apace.

The steps taken to refit the N.Y.K. steamer *Tokyo-maru*, which sank off Kitami in Hokkaido, have ended in failure, and the vessel is consequently likely to become a total loss. She is of 1,106 tons gross, and was built at the Kawasaki Shipbuilding Yard, Kobe, in 1901.

STRONGEST TUG EAST OF SUEZ.

The *Robert K.* is a new ocean-going tugboat, recently built by the Osaka Iron Works Company of Osaka, Japan, for the Atlantic, Gulf and Pacific Company. She is a representative of the new class of tugboats, being length 125 feet; breadth, 24 feet; and depth, 24 feet. She is fitted with engines of over 500 horsepower each, and carries large pumps for salvage purposes. Shipping men, a Manila contemporary says, are of the opinion that she is undoubtedly the most powerful tug east of Suez.

THE SAVOIA.

The H.A.L. steamer *Savoia*, which stranded outside Nagasaki harbour on the 17th October last, has been thoroughly repaired at the Mitsui Bishi Dockyard.

WARSHIPS.

Admiral Starck's flagship *Petrovsk*, the *Poltava*, the *Mayarin*, the *Bobra*, and 4 destroyers are now at Chemulpo, while the cruisers *Rossia*, *Rurik*, *Gromoboy*, and *Dogayur* are at present at Vladivostok. The remainder of the Russian squadron are now gathered at Port Arthur. It is reported that two of the ships at Vladivostok will shortly proceed to Port Arthur, the other two being ordered to pass the winter months at the Siberian port.

The Italian cruiser *Vettor Pisani* and *Piemonte* will stay at Nagasaki for about two months.

THROWN ON HER BEAM ENDS.

The steamer *Rio Jun Maru*, which arrived at Victoria from Yokohama recently, had a very stormy voyage. For five days she was rolling from beam to beam in a gale. Four days ago her steering gear became deranged, and she was caught in the trough of the sea, being thrown on her beam ends, with her port rail buried under water. It was feared for a time the vessel would turn turtle, but outside of a flooding she sustained little damage.

FERRY AND THE ORIENT.

A consular report from Lima, Peru, says that the local Chinese residents have promoted a new steamship company called the *Compania Maritima Occidental* a Vapour, with the object of opening a new steamship service between Peru and the East. At present marine communication is confined to the round-about route via South America. It is true that there is one Italian sailing vessel plying between Callao, Peru, and Hongkong, but she makes only two voyages a year, a single voyage lasting two or even three months. Then, Japanese steamers, carrying emigrants, make occasional trips to Peru, but they only connect this country and Peru. Moreover, the Peruvian Government and leading business-men are now bent on finding some means of opening active trade relations with the East. All these considerations have encouraged the Chinese promoters of the present scheme. This company will have a capital of \$25,000, and though the sum may seem inadequate for such an enterprise, it will be sufficient for the company, which is to charter vessels for the time being and does not contemplate owning any. The company's capital has already been subscribed to the amount of about \$20,000, the shareholders being almost all Chinese.

LATEST STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

The Hamburg-Amerika Line *Seydlitz*, with a relief transport for the German Navy stationed in the East, left Colombo on the 22nd inst., p.m. for Hongkong direct.

The C.P.R. steamer *Empress of Japan* arrived at Kobe at 3 a.m. on the 23rd inst., and left again at noon same day for Yokohama, where she was due to arrive at 1 p.m. on the 24th inst.

The H.A.L. steamer *Badenia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port on the 22nd inst., and may be expected here on the 28th inst.

THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION IN CHINA.

The annual meeting of this Association was held on the 17th inst. at 1 Yuenning-yuen Road, Shanghai. The retiring President (Dr. A. P. Parker) was in the chair, and there were also present Messrs. Murray Warner (Vice-President), A. C. Hunter (Treasurer), A. W. Danforth (Hon. Secretary), J. N. Jameson, C. E. Fiske, P. W. Irvine, C. S. Leavenworth, and C. C. Baldwin (members of the Committee), Dr. Colman, Dr. Lacy Sites, Dr. J. C. Ferguson, Dr. Baruch, Dr. Gilbert Reid, the Hon. Fleming James, Messrs. S. Fessenden, Dr. Lattimore, Reed, A. W. Bash, C. Starman, N. E. Bryant, H. de Gray, L. S. Webb, E. H. Himrod, W. Hammond and G. Ohliger.

After the usual formal business, Mr. A. C. Hunter read the Treasurer's statement. This showed a balance in hand of \$955.33 as against \$255.63 at the beginning of the year. The statement of accounts was unanimously adopted.

The Chairman then read the report of the Executive Committee as follows:—

Since the last annual meeting of the association, several subjects of importance have been treated by the Executive Committee. In the first place, in regard to the matter of the extension of the domestic rates of postage to the U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai and to the cities in China served through that agency, the sincere appreciation and thanks of the Committee and members of the Association have been conveyed to the Consul-General of the United States at Shanghai, to the Postmaster-General and to the Superintendent of Foreign Mails for their action in the matter. The attention of the Committee has been drawn to the construction which the Chinese Imperial Postal Authorities place upon the extension of the U.S. domestic rates of postage to the cities served in China through the U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai. Letters have been received from Nanking, from Soochow and from Hangchow enclosing covers which showed that an excess of postage was charged upon letters which bore a two-cent (gold) U.S. postage stamp and which had been sent to cities in China served through the U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai. The position taken by the Chinese Postal Authorities is that such mail is insufficiently paid. The former rate was five cents (gold). A letter, therefore, which arrives from the United States and bears only two cents (gold) in stamps is considered to be short-paid to the amount of three cents and, therefore, double postage is collected upon it, that is the sum of six cents (gold). The attention of the Consul-General and Postal Agent at Shanghai has been directed to this matter by your committee and his assistance has been requested in asking the U.S. Postal Department to make some arrangement with the Chinese Authorities by which this extra tax upon letters to cities in China served through the U.S. Postal Agency at Shanghai shall be corrected. The matter, it is understood, has now been referred by the U.S. Postal Authorities in Shanghai to the United States Minister at Peking for direct negotiation with the Inspector-General of Customs.

A letter from New York merchants asking for the names of manufacturers in China who imported their raw materials from the United States has been referred to your committee for consideration. The names of firms using raw cotton, lumber, and tobacco have, therefore, been forwarded in response to the enquiry.

Another matter of importance which has come before the committee, has been the question of the separation of the consular and judicial functions of the United States Consulate-General at Shanghai. On account of the increasing amount of business which falls to that Consulate-General and the inadequate number of the members of the staff, the necessity is obvious for the establishment of a judge appointed by the President for such a Court would be able to relieve the Consul-General of the great burden of judicial work falling to his share. The precedent of the action of the British Government in separating the judicial from the consular functions can be cited. A communication has, therefore, been addressed to the Secretary of the American Asiatic Association requesting that the committee of that Association forward proposals to that effect to the Department of State.

Another matter which has come before your committee has been the question of the issuance of passports by the United States Consul-General at Shanghai for persons going through Manchuria and the territory; and the Russian Consuls at Treaty Ports pass to *visé* trip passports issued by the United States Consuls for Chinese territory. This causes delay to business men and others who wish to travel to Newchwang and other Manchurian cities by way of Port Arthur or Dally on account of the time taken to obtain a passport for Russian territory through the mails from the United States Legation at Peking. Correspondence has, therefore, been begun with the sister Association in the United States in regard to requesting the Department of State to permit universal passports and passports for Chinese and Russian territory to be issued by the United States Consul-General at Shanghai as is done by the British and other Consul-Generals at this port.

Necessity not having arisen for an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Association, none has been called in 1903.

On the occasion of the visit to Shanghai of the Viceroy at Nanking, H.E. Wei Kuang-tao, the Acting Vice-President and Secretary, called on him and extended the good wishes of the American Association of China on behalf of the

Executive Committee and met a most cordial reception, the Viceroy expressing his desire that the cordial relations existing between China and the United States might be augmented and their commerce extended.

Apart from the heavier business of the committee it gives us great pleasure to refer to the banquet which was given under the auspices of this Association to the U.S. Treaty Commissioners, Messrs. E. H. Conger, John Goodnow, and John F. Seaman at the Shanghai Club on Thursday, 22nd October, 1903. In the history of this Association these social meetings have always been functions which have brought together in a happy reunion and fraternal friendliness those who are proud to call themselves citizens of the United States of America. The banquet last October was no exception to the rule, and the general verdict was that the spirit of true Americanism pervaded the occasion. Minister Conger was unable to be present, but sent his regrets to the Association and his thanks for the kind and helpful consideration which they had always shown to him. The President of the Association, Dr. Parker, was also obliged to be absent on account of the meeting of the Conference of his Mission at Sochow. In his absence, the chair was ably filled by the Vice-President, Mr. Murray Warner. The Commissioners present, Messrs. Goodnow and Seaman, made interesting speeches in regard to the new treaty, which will be found in the first issue of our Journal for 1904, and happy remarks were made by others.

So much for the important special work of your committee. It also, within our sphere in this report to give a few remarks in regard to events and tendencies of the current year which affect the interests of Americans in the Far East. In the first place, the signing of the American Treaty on the 8th October, 1903, must stand out as an act of supreme importance. Its articles are too fresh in mind to need a recapitulation in this report. Suffice it to say that the general theory underlying the whole treaty is that the interests of both America and China are advanced. The days of the diplomacy which selfishly took advantage of a weak opponent and by short-sighted and narrow policies gained some ready advantage to the neglect of great future benefits have passed, and the spirit of such diplomacy is not in accord with the policies of the broadminded Secretary of State, John Hay, who is guiding the foreign affairs of the nation.

In regard to *China*, we remember that Article 8 of the British Treaty was warmly opposed by this Association. But in reference to that question in our own treaty, while not freed of our doubts as to the possibility of the ready abolition of *lekin* and kindred taxes, deference is due to the hopes of the United States authorities. As their position is understood to be that the prosperity of American merchants in China is bound up even with the distant fiscal improvements in China's internal fiscal arrangements (even with the possibilities of those fiscal reforms not being entirely successful at the very beginning), the present temporary disadvantages, such as the increased duties on imports, which fall to the lot of our merchants, are to be borne with a view to the hoped-for ultimate good.

On the political side, the opening of the two ports—Moukden and Antung—in Manchuria by China itself, as the treaty phrases it, is of the highest moment, not only to Americans but to all others who hope to see the integrity of the Chinese Empire preserved, until a reformed government comes into power.

The provisions as to patents, as to copyrights, as to a uniform national coinage, and as to reforms of the judicial system are all parts of this worthy effort of the United States to help China to carry out the one half of the proposition which we have just mentioned, that is, the reforms in the government which will avert partition. The other half of the proposition, that is, the reward which American and American commerce will gain from the improvements in China itself, will come in the due evolution of the Far Eastern problem.

The appointment of Prof. Jenks to visit China and to confer with her government in regard to the reforms in the currency is an interesting commentary on this great and growing, wholesome and stimulating influence which America is acquiring with her great neighbour across the Pacific Ocean. The closing paragraph of the Report of the Commission on International Exchange, submitted to the Secretary of State the 1st October, 1903, says:—"The friendly petition of China to the United States has been a natural result of the cordial relations between the two Powers growing out of the enlightened attitude of our Government, and has afforded the means of demonstrating anew the desire of the United States to promote the true economic interests of China, in the belief that these interests are identical with those of America and of all other Powers seeking legitimate commercial opportunities in the Orient."

In this connection we may quote a short extract from the report of a recent address delivered by Prof. Jenks before the Japan Economic Association, which puts the currency reform of the Orient in a nutshell. The Professor said, among other things:—"In brief the plan proposed by the United States is to secure as soon as possible for the people of China, and those other Oriental countries now on a silver basis, a currency composed of silver and copper in circulation, which, however, shall be maintained at a fixed value with gold."

In spite of this prospect of reforms, the present is regarded as a time of crisis in the affairs of the Far East. A pessimist has been bold, but there is likewise a dangerous kind of optimism which disregards the plain dangers in the path.

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This condition of affairs in Manchuria is a menace to trade which will be regarded with the deepest attention. The serious condition which confronts American trade is, therefore, seen. It can be noted at a glance from the figures quoted that it would probably be much better to keep the sovereignty of China as it was before the Russian occupation, even with the corruption which then prevailed.

In considering the increase of American enterprises in China, we note with interest that the section of the Yuh-han Railway between Canton and Fatschau has been opened in November of this year. It is, however, with humiliation and regret that Americans learn from the public print that the controlling interest in this great enterprise has passed into other than American hands.

A company under the title of the "China Investment and Construction Company of America" has been formed in the United States with the object of securing concessions to build railways and operate mines in China. A representative of the Company has lately arrived in Shanghai to begin negotiations for his syndicate.

The Commercial Pacific Cable Company's line across the Pacific to Manila has been completed during the year. Telegrams for transmission to America by that line were first accepted at Shanghai, the 25th July last, and up to the present time the service has been steadily continued to the convenience and satisfaction of the business community.

The Guaranty Trust Company of New York is the latest of the American banks to establish a branch at Shanghai. As banking facilities multiply it is hoped that the day of an improved currency in China will be hastened. The foreign traveller is now compensated in value for the different Treaty Ports of currency notes issued by the foreign banks doing business in China. A note issued when at Shanghai may be at a disadvantage when offered at another Treaty Port to cancel a debt. This is a minor example to show the need of a reformed currency; when the reform is established the traveller may receive a bank note in Peking with the assurance that he can use it in Canton without loss to himself.

The ballot for members of the Executive Committee during 1904 resulted in the election of Messrs. C. C. Baldwin, A. W. Danforth, C. E. Fiske, S. Fessenden, P. W. Irvine, J. N. Jameson, C. S. Leavenworth, C. S. F. Lincoln, A. J. Osgood, A. P. Parker, and M. Warner.

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Captain H. Koops, having arrived from the above ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, at Kowloon.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st December will be subject to sale.

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Bill of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned.

The steamer will be despatched for Singapore, Batavia, Cherbon, Samarang, Sourabaya and Maccassar on Monday, 28th inst.

HOLLAND CHINA TRADING COMPANY,
Agents,
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [3549]

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Hongkong, 12th June, 1903. 872

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Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3489]

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AT MACAO.

TO-MORROW (SATURDAY) & SUNDAY,
the 26th and 27th DECEMBER, 1903,
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Admission free, from 2 to 5 p.m.

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Tickets on sale at the hotels, on board steamers and at the Public Gardens gate.
Macao, 24th December, 1903. [3543]

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THE undersigned is now prepared to supply the best quality, weighing from 1 lb. to 15 lbs., and also MINCE PIES, ASSORTED CAKES, &c., &c.

DORABEE & SON,
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Hongkong, 14th December, 1903. [3444]

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OF
DENTISTRY.

Dr. M. H. CHAUN,
27, Des Vaux Road CENTRAL HONGKONG & From the University of Pennsylvania, U.S.A.
Hongkong, 10th March, 1903. [2490]

THE EASTERN EXTENSION AUSTRIAN-ASIAN AND CHINA TELEGRAPH COMPANY, LIMITED.

REFERRING to the notice of the 28th September last, the senders of telegrams are hereby advised that, from the 1st of JANUARY next, the charges for telegrams will, subject to revision after three months, be collected at the rate of FORTY-FOUR CENTS to equal One Franc.

J. M. BECK,
Superintendent.
Hongkong, 21st December, 1903. [3507]

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Hongkong, 12th December, 1903. [3434]

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Hongkong, 2nd December, 1903. [3516]

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Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [3474]

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.
IN accordance with the provisions of Ordinance No. 6 of 1875 the EXCHANGE BANKS will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) and TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 25th and 26th instant, respectively.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [3531]

THE FIRE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION OF HONGKONG.
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

IT is hereby notified that FIRE INSURANCE OFFICES will be CLOSED for the Transaction of Public Business TO-MORROW (FRIDAY) and TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), the 25th and 26th instant, respectively.

By Order,
A. R. LOWE,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [3545]

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.
NOTICE.

MEMBERS are reminded that Nominations for the Hongkong Derby (to be run on TUESDAY, 23rd FEBRUARY, 1904), close to the undersigned at the Hongkong Club House TO-MORROW (SATURDAY), 26th DECEMBER, instant.

By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
Clerk of the Course.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [3541]

ZETLAND LODGE No. 525, E.C.
REGULAR MEETING of the ZETLAND LODGE will be held at the FREEMASONS' HALL, Zetland Street, on MONDAY, the 25th instant, at 5.30 for 6 P.M. precisely. Visiting Brethren are cordially invited to attend.

Hongkong, 23rd December, 1903. [3530]

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RAPID tuition given on the BANJO, MANDOLIN, SPANISH GUITAR, VIOLIN, &c. Terms moderate.

L. A. DE GRACA,
58, Peel Street, or
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Hongkong, 11th August, 1903. [2252]

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MRS. DONALDSON (Daughter of Professor F. F. WALLACE, of Rosemount Dancing Academy, Glasgow) has pleasure in advertising a SECOND BEGINNERS' CLASS to open in the CITY HALL shortly.

Practice twice weekly... Fee \$10 a month. Pupils will please enroll at the Robinson Piano Co., Ltd.

Hongkong, 3rd November, 1903. [3313]

NOTICE TO KOWLOON RESIDENTS.
EXTRA COPIES of Daily Press are on sale daily at Mr. H. RUTPONJEE'S KOWLOON STORE, No. 36, Elgin Road. Price 15 cents per copy cash.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3518]

EXCURSION TO MACAO.
THE Commodious Steamer

"TAI ON"
Will run a special trip to Macao on SUNDAY, the 27th inst., leaving her usual Wharf West at 9 A.M. and return from Macao at 8.15 P.M. sharp.

Tickets Return Fare ... \$2.00.
A Charitable Bazaar in aid of the Canonian Sisters of Charity will be held at the Public Gardens, San Francisco. (PRAIA GRANDE). Meals can be had on board as usual.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [3322]

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY EXCURSIONS TO MACAO.
THE favourite passenger steamer

"WING CHAI"
Will run special trips to Macao on the 26th, 27th, and 28th DECEMBER, leaving her Wharf in Hongkong at 9.30 A.M. each day, and Macao at 7.30 P.M., arriving Hongkong about 11 P.M.

Fares—Return ticket, available for 3 days, \$3.00.
The steamer will also run on Christmas Day, leaving Hongkong at 8.30 A.M., and Macao at 2 P.M.

MING ON & CO.
Hongkong, 17th December, 1903. [3475]

NOTICE.
THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LD.

SUNDAY EXCURSION TO MACAO.
THE Steamer "HONAM" (weather permitting and sufficient inducement offering) will make a SPECIAL EXCURSION TRIP to MACAO next SUNDAY, the 27th instant, leaving Hongkong at 9 A.M. and Macao at 9 P.M.

Return Fare ... \$5 Cabins ... \$3 extra
Tickets obtainable on board the Steamer.
By Order of the Board of Directors.
T. ARNOLD,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [3542]

PUBLIC COMPANIES

HUMPHREYS' ESTATE AND FINANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

SHAREHOLDERS are hereby notified that in accordance with the Special Resolutions passed on 31st October, and confirmed on 18th November, 1903, they are entitled on application to an allotment of one share for every two old shares held by them. Forms of application will be sent to every shareholder.

The sum of \$2.50 per share will be payable, on application, on or before the 31st of January, 1904. Two months' notice of any calls will be given.

Shareholders desirous of paying on or before the 31st January, 1904, the whole amount payable in respect of their shares, can do so, and in such event will receive fully paid up scrip in exchange.

The new issue will rank for Dividend pro rata from 1st January, 1904, according to the amount paid on such shares on 4th January, 1904.

The Register of Shares will be closed from 17th December, 1903, to 4th January, 1904, both days inclusive.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.
Hongkong, 1st December, 1903. [3317]

THE CANTON-HONGKONG ICE AND COLD STORAGE CO., LD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the STATUTORY MEETING of the above Company will be held at the REGISTERED OFFICE of the Company, 31, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong, on THURSDAY, the 7th day of JANUARY, 1904, at 12 o'clock Noon.

CHAN A. TAI,
Secretary.
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3501]

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.
INFORMATION has been received from the MILITARY AUTHORITIES that GUN PRACTICE will take place from Stonecutters Island (West and East Batteries) in a South-Westerly direction at ranges from 600 to 4,000 yards, on the 1st JANUARY, 1904.

If the weather is unfavourable on this date, practice will take place on the 2nd of JANUARY.

Practice will commence at 9 A.M. and end about 11 A.M. if the range is clear.

By Command,
A. M. THOMSON,
Acting Colonial Secretary.
Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 19th December, 1903. [3520]

IN HIS BRITANNIC MAJESTY'S COURT FOR SIAM.

CITATION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION.
NOVEMBER 19TH, 1903.

In re **CHUNG FUN LONG** (deceased) of Bangkok, Swatow, Canton and Hongkong.

IN virtue of an order of His Majesty's said Court, bearing date this day, I do hereby notify and cite all and sundry persons to appear in the said Court in six weeks from the date hereof, and show cause, if any they have, why letters of administration of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights, and credits of **CHUNG FUN LONG**, who died at Swatow on the 25th day of July, 1903, should not be granted unto **LI KUI** and **YIN YONG**, widow and eldest son respectively of the late **CHUNG FUN LONG**, as, in default thereof, the Court will proceed to grant the same accordingly.

T. H. LYLE,
Acting Registrar.
Bangkok, 24th November, 1903. [3421]

DAVID CORSAK & SONS
MERCHANT NAVY
NAVY BOILED
LONG PLAY
RELIANCE CROWN
TAPERING
ARNHOLD, KARBURG & CO.
Sole Agents.
[3485]

THE TRADE MARKS ORDINANCE 1893.
APPLICATION FOR REGISTRATION OF TRADE MARK.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that **J. & P. COATS LD.**, carrying on business at Forrester Thread Works, Paisley, in the County of Renfrew in that part of the United Kingdom of Great Britain called Scotland as Yarn Thread and Sewing Cotton Manufacturers have, on the 3rd day of November, 1903, applied for the registration of MARKS of the following TRADE MARK.

THE REPRESENTATION OF A RABBIT
in the name of **J. & P. COATS LD.**, who claim to be the sole proprietors thereof.

The TRADE MARK is intended to be used by the applicants forthwith in respect of the following goods:

COTTON YARN AND THREAD IN CLASS 23.
A Facsimile of the TRADE MARK can be seen at the Office of the Colonial Secretary of Hongkong, and also at the Office of the undersigned.

Dated the 22nd day of December, 1903.
JOHNSON, STOKES & MASTER,
Solicitors for the Applicants,
8, Des Vaux Road Central,
Hongkong. [539]

PURE FRESH WATER.
THE HONGKONG STEAM WATER-BOAT CO., LD., is prepared to supply ANY QUANTITY of PURE FRESH WATER to the Shipping, both for Deck and Boilers.

Call Flag W.
J. W. KEW,
Manager,
1st Floor, 37, Connaught Road,
Hongkong, 13th June, 1903. [3345]

KOWLOON EXTENSION.
A NEW MAP of HONGKONG, KOWLOON and ADJACENT TERRITORIES showing the Boundary under the New Convention, with the Towns, Villages, &c. Prepared from Authoritative Sources and Printed in Colours. Price \$1.

To be had at Messrs. KELLY & WALSH, LD. W. BREWER & Co. or Daily Press Office.
Hongkong 28th October, 1893

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Hongkong, 25th July 1903. [211]

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CODE WORD: "DOCK," NAGASAKI.
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Extreme Length ... 371 feet.
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TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN,
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FROM	STEAMERS	DUE
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"PYRRHUS"	On 27th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"TYDEUS"	On 27th December.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"NESTOR"	On 1st January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 8th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINTUCK"	On 14th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"KINGSUEY"	On 22nd January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"MOYUNE"	On 28th January.
GLASGOW and LIVERPOOL	"GLAUCUS"	On 3rd February.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"DAEDANUS"	On 5th January.
MARSEILLES, LONDON and ANTWERP	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
* LIVERPOOL, with TRAN- SHIPMENT at SINGAPORE	"YANGTSE"	On 19th January.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"NESTOR"	On 2nd February.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES and LIVERPOOL	"KEEMUN"	On 15th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"KINTUCK"	On 16th February.
LONDON and ANTWERP	"MOYUNE"	On 1st March.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS, via NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.	"TYDEUS"	On 29th December.
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For Freight, apply to—
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Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [10-12]

CHINA NAVIGATION CO. LIMITED.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	"YOKOHAMA"	On 28th December.
MANILA	"CHINGTU"	On 30th December.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY, and ISLAND COAST TOWNS, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE.	"CHINGTU"	On 30th December.

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Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [11]

PENINSULAR AND ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL	REMARKS.
SHANGHAI and KOBE	"MAZAGON"	About 28th December	Freight only.
YOKOHAMA, via SHANG- HAI, MOJI and KOBE	"PALERMO"	About 28th December	Freight and Passage.
(Passing through the Inland Sea)	"SIMLA"	Noon, 2nd January	See Special Advertisement.
LONDON, &c.	"BENGAL"	About 2nd January	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	"G. Phillips"	About 6th January	Freight only.
* SINGAPORE, and BOMBAY	"H. W. Keurick, R.N.R."	January	
LONDON and ANTWERP, via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, PORT SAID and MARSEILLES	"CEYLON"	About 7th January	Freight and Passage.

* Calling at Penang if sufficient inducement offers.
For further Particulars, apply to

E. A. HEWETT,
Superintendent.

Hongkong, 25th December, 1903. [1]

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

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R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 10th Feb.
R.M.S. "TARTAR"	4,425 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 24th Feb.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF JAPAN"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 9th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF CHINA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 30th Mar.
R.M.S. "EMPERESS OF INDIA"	6,000 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 20th April
R.M.S. "ATHENIAN"	3,882 Tons	WEDNESDAY, 27th April.
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1903. About

"LOWTHER CASTLE" ... 24th Dec.

"SIKH" ... 12th Jan.

"SAGAMI" ... 26th Jan.

"AFRIDI" ... 9th Feb.

For Freight and further information, apply to
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Agents.

Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [1125]

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVI-
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STEAM FOR
FIUME AND TRIESTE (DIRECT).
Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RAN-
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(Taking Cargo at through rates to the Brazils,
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LEVANT, VENICE and ADRIATIC PORTS).
THE Company's Steamship

"VINDOBONA"
Captain Cobol, will be despatched as above on
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For information as to Passage and Freight,
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SANDER, WIELER & CO.,
Agents,
Princes' Buildings.
Hongkong, 22nd December, 1903. [5]

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.
S.S. "WING CHAI"
Captain Samuel Bell Smith.

DEPARTURES from Hongkong, on week
days, at 7.30 A.M.; on Excursion
Sundays, at 8.30 A.M.; from Macao week days
at about 2 P.M. and Sundays about 7.30 P.M.

FARE—(week days) 1st Class (including cabin
and servant), \$3. Return Ticket \$5.
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On Excursion Sundays 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Class
Single Ticket \$2. Return Ticket \$3. Return
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What at the Western end of Wing Lok
Street. The Steamer runs an Excursion Trip Every
Sunday, and takes only 3 1/2 hours to reach Macao.

MING ON & CO.,
2nd Floor, 16, Victoria Street.
Hongkong 8th September, 1903. [121]

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS-POSTE FRANCAIS.
FOR SHANGHAI, KOBE AND
YOKOHAMA.
THE Company's Steamship

"POLYNESIE"
Captain Le Coq, will be despatched for
the above ports on or about WEDNESDAY,
the 30th instant.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
G. DE CHAMPEAUX,
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Hongkong, 24th December, 1903. [2]

FOR ODESSA VIA BOMBAY.

THE Russian Steamer

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The Secretary having read the notice convening the meeting.

The Chairman said:—With your concurrence, I propose to dispense with the reading of the report of the board and the statement of accounts, which have been in your possession for several days. As you are aware, this company is the successor of the Hongkong Steam Laundry Company, Limited, which was formed in August, 1900, whose assets and liabilities we took over on the 1st June, 1902, the shareholders in the old company receiving in exchange for their ten dollar share one of five dollars in this company, and those of us who were members of the old company have had, like many other shareholders in local industries, to pay for our experiences by the loss of half of our capital; and under these circumstances we are the more pleased that we are now in a position to recommend a dividend of 8 per cent. or 4 per cent. on our original investment.

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Mr. D. E. Brown seconding, it was unanimously carried.

On the proposal of Mr. Mooney, seconded by Mr. Allen, Mr. Brown, the retiring director, was re-elected.

The re-election of Mr. A. O'D. Gourdin as auditor of the company was agreed to, on the proposal of the chairman, seconded by Mr. Brown.

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